



Finding Sales Leads with Reference USA

The Reference USA database is a great resource for finding sales leads.

Here's how:

- **1.a. When you are at the Library:** Select the "Other Databases" button in the Library Catalog (on a catalog computer). Look in the center column for the **Reference USA** heading.
- **1.b. When you are using a computer at home:** Go to http://www.tempe.gov/library/. Select **electronic resources**. Look for the **Reference USA** heading.
- 2. You will need to input your library card number and PIN before you may gain access.



3. In the Reference USA database, select the Business Database option



4. Select the **Custom Search** option.



5. A **Custom Search** in **Reference USA** involves a two-step process. before actually performing your search, you will indicate the search parameters you want to use.

Notice that there are many ways to formulate your search. You may specify a geographic area as small as a specific zip code, and you may specify type of business in many ways.

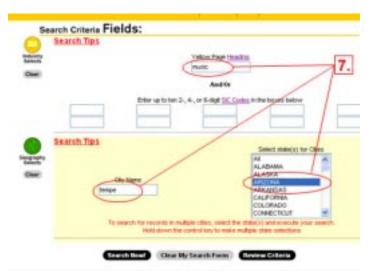
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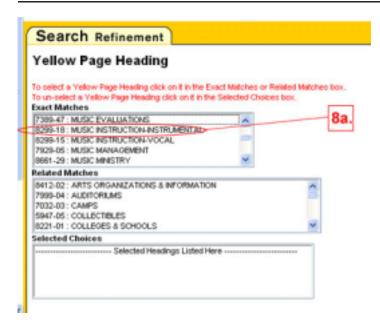


6. For this search, check **Yellow Pages Heading or SIC**, and also check **City**. We will use a Yellow Pages heading and pinpoint a particular geographic area.



7. Type a simple, descriptive word in the **Yellow Page Heading** box, and the system will provide you with a choice of heading topics.

Type the name of the city your are searching, and indicate the state.

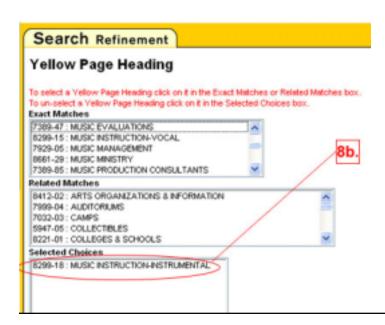


8a. Reference USA gives a choice of Yellow Pages headings. Choose one or more headings to find the business type(s) you want.

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8b. After you select the heading, notice that the chosen heading is now visible under **Selected Choices**. Press the **Search Now!** button to continue.



9. All of the City of Tempe businesses for the category will be displayed, with addresses and phone numbers.

Adidtional information, often including a contact name, is available by clicking on the business heading.

You may formulate many other searches for sales leads, depending on your interest. If you have questions about SIC codes, NAICS or any other questions about this database, call the Tempe Public Library Reference Desk at (480)350-5511. The Librarian may be able to tell you how to get the information you need.